

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13, 15-25 and 34 are pending in this application.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 and canceled claims 12, 14, and 26-33. Applicants also have included a statement to identify related application priority information. The aforementioned statement and all claim amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims section (on pages 3-37).

An abstract as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.72(b) is attached herewith on a separate sheet of paper (after page 38).

Applicants request consideration and entry into the record of the amendments and remarks.

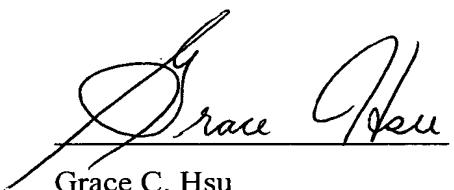
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and is earnestly solicited.

If any additional fees or charges are required authorization is hereby granted to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2570 accordingly.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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